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## Students Choose Vandy and Medicine

By WARREN COLEMAN  
Last September, the staff of The Bell Ringer conducted a poll on high school students' college choices and career preferences. The results of that questionnaire have now become available for publication. All figures are percentages.

The first section of that poll asked the students to list their top two choices for colleges. As one might expect, Vanderbilt University was the predominant school with 26% of the first-choice votes and 19.5% of the second choice.

The remaining top ten schools in the first-choice category were generally public, state-supported universities in the south with average-to-large sized student bodies: North Carolina (8.8), Virginia (6.1), Tennessee (5.0).

The next eight college choices were Sewanee (1.7), MIT (1.7), Air Force Academy (1.0), and Yale (1.0).

The schools of the second group are well scattered around the nation and are predominately private institutions. The fact that the most popular schools would be those with average tuition rather than those with extremely high costs is shown in this poll.

The second-choice colleges were generally the same as the first ones. Only minor differences occurred between the two groups.

Another interesting fact arose in the analysis of this poll. In a comparison between individual classes, the Juniors were found to be the most individualistic groups, having 32% of its members vote for a college for which no one else had voted (schools which had only one vote apiece). On the other hand, the Senior Class (was the most conforming and) had only 18% of its students vote uniquely. Thus, the



results of this poll indicate that 82% of this year's Senior Class will probably attend college with at least one former classmate from MBA. The Seniors' top eleven college choices were Vanderbilt (24.7), North Carolina (12.3), Auburn (9.6), Virginia (6.8), Georgia Tech (4.1), Tennessee (4.1), Sewanee (2.7), Tulane (2.7), Williams (2.7), Harvard (2.7), and Princeton (2.7). Auburn (4.7), Alabama and Duke

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## Board Scores Superior

By BILL GALLOWAY

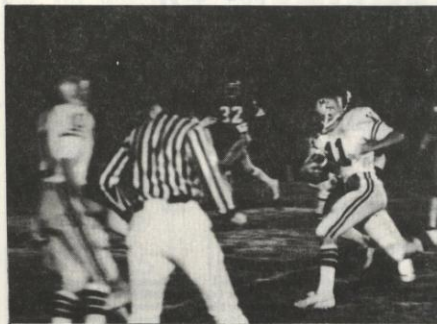
For the past several years, statistics have shown that the scores on standardized tests, such as the tests administered by the College Board, are declining nationwide. MBA, on the other hand, has consistently maintained a high level of performance on these tests.

For example, our scores on the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) have been consistently above the national average for college-bound seniors. In figures released by the College Board of the Admissions Testing Program, the average verbal score for MBA in 1978 was 599 and the average mathematical score was 637.

That verbal score was higher than approximately 92 per cent of those college-bound seniors taking the test, as was the mathematical score. The class of 1975 had an average combined total of 1221, compared to the combined score of 1236 in 1978. The class of 1976 had an even higher average score of 1240, while the class

of 77 scored 1200 on the average. Our most recent graduates, the class of 1979, had an average score of approximately 1170.

Another indication of the success of MBA students on tests administered nationwide is the number of students who gain college credit in high school by scoring high on Advanced Placement Tests, also administered by the College Board. Since 1975, about half of each year's senior class and a few juniors and sophomores each year have participated in the AP program. The test taken at the end of the year is graded on a scale of one to five. Many colleges offer course credit for scores of three, four, or five; some only accept a four or a five for credit or placement out of a freshman-level course. The students at MBA who have taken the AP tests have, for the large part, scored above three on the tests. Of the classes from 1975 to 1979, approximately 88 to 94 per cent of the candidates have scored over three.



Moore runs for touchdown against Mapewood.

## Davis New Chairman of the Board

By GEORGE CATE

Earlier this fall, Joe C. Davis, the president of Davis Coals Inc. of Nashville and a long-standing member of the MBA Board of Trust, became the board's new chairman.

The board elected Mr. Davis chairman after John E. Sloan stepped down from the head position. The board members convened a few weeks ago for a routine quarterly meeting and a lunch on campus with seniors and faculty members. At the meeting, Mr. Sloan announced his retirement as chairman of MBA's Board of Trust after 27 years of extensive service to the school and recommended Mr. Davis for the position.

Mr. Sloan was selected to fill the head position of the board in 1954. Sloan's predecessor was Brownlee O. Currey, whose son, Brownlee O. Currey, Jr., is currently the vice chairman of the board.

Born in Nashville, Mr. Sloan went to Wallace University School, where he graduated in 1921. He attended college at Vanderbilt University and graduated in 1925. In addition to his membership to the MBA Board of Trust, Mr. Sloan is also a member of Vanderbilt's Board of Trust and an honorary chairman of the board of Cain Sloan Co.

In the course of Mr. Sloan's

participation on the Board of Trust at MBA, he has played a very significant role in modernizing the school and in elevating MBA's academic standards to their current level. Mr. Sloan's leadership proved to be a crucial factor in Mr. Carter's administration when Mr. Carter initiated many developmental programs in the school.

Although Mr. Sloan's position as the board chairman has come to a close, he has said that he will continue to fervently support the school in the future. Mr. Sloan will remain at MBA as an active member of the Board of Trust.

Mr. Joe Davis graduated from Montgomery Bell Academy in 1937. He received his college education at Vanderbilt, where he was actively involved in school organization, including tennis and basketball. Davis graduated from Vanderbilt in 1941.

In the past years, Mr. Davis has assumed increasingly influential participation on the Board of Trust. His role in the choice of the new headmaster for this school year was extremely important. With his appointment to the position of chairman, Davis will take greater responsibilities. His policies and decisions will play a significant part in the MBA program in the upcoming years.

## Big Red in State Playoffs

By TOM WOOD

In a game which they were not supposed to win, the varsity football team captured one of the most significant victories in the long, illustrious football history of Montgomery Bell Academy, defeating Mapewood 14 to 12. The Big Red was regarded as a slight underdog to the talent-laden Panthers, but when the dust cleared at the end of a brutal game, our battered, bruised squad had emerged victorious.

Mapewood took the opening kickoff and many feared that a romp was underway when stellar fullback Thomas Goodloe charged off-tackle and rambled 45 yards for an early touchdown. The extra point failed and the score stood 6-0. The Big Red immediately answered with a sustained 68-yard drive engineered by second team all-state quarterback Tom Moore, who demonstrated his skill by making a perfect pitch back to Bobby Calton the option while being dragged to the ground. Bob gained 23 yards on this first play and hardnosed fullback Russell Regen soon followed with a 25-yard stampele through a massive hole opened by Jim Tully and Owen

Lipscomb, leaving Panther defenders strewn in his path. Two plays later, Moore kept the ball on the option and ran six yards to paydirt. Joe Davis' extra point was good and MBA took the lead 7-6, never to relinquish it.

In the second quarter, Ricky Bowers intercepted an Al Young halfback pass at the Red 20. The offense was forced to punt, but a holding penalty on Mapewood gave the ball back to MBA. The team then proceeded to drive downfield. Behind awesome blocking, Moore hit Bowers for 10 yards; Regen rambled 18 yards; and Calton scampered 13 yards to the 30-yard line. Tight end David Pack then got behind the Panther defense to haul in his sixth touchdown pass of the year from Moore. Again Davis drilled the extra point to make the score 14-6.

Taking the kickoff, Mapewood then drove down the field behind the slashing runs of Al Young outside and Thomas Goodloe inside. Young plunged off-tackle one yard for the score with 3:40 left in the half. The Panthers went for a two-point conversion that would have tied the game, but Young was snowed under

by Tom Moore and Garrett Fulton while making a feeble attempt at a halfback pass.

In the crucial first minutes of the second half, Mapewood was driving and appeared to be gaining momentum. The impetus was turned around, however, after David Pack made a game-saving tackle after a long run by Goodloe; and Bobby Calton, two plays later, jarred the ball loose from Goodloe at the MBA 2-yard line. Tom Moore picked up the football at the 3 and raced 70 yards down the sidelines to the opposition 27 before being hauled down by Young from behind. Moore completed a 15-yard pass to Joe Davis, who had replaced Regen when the latter suffered a painful hip pointer. The offense was unable to move from that point, however, and gave up the ball on downs.

Mapewood then tried to mount another drive, but Garrett Fulton and Jim Johnson stopped Goodloe on a fourth-and-one carry. Later, Goodloe, after dropping a punt snap, was smothered and knocked unconscious at the 2-yard line by Jim Tully, Alex Mitchell, and a host of red jerseys.

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## Editorial: Assemblies

By GEORGE CATE

In recent years, it has become apparent that students' reactions to MBA's assembly programs have become increasingly distasteful. The students are at fault in essentially two areas: their conduct in the course of the presentation of the assemblies, and their irresponsible criticism of the programs themselves.

Much of the student body is not to blame for the nature of the assembly programs. Those that are at fault, however, have ruined the atmosphere of MBA assemblies and have left a noticeable blemish on MBA in general.

During many of the programs, students have sought to gain attention, express their dissatisfaction, or prove their superiority by ridiculing the guests, cat-calling, and talking while a program is in progress. Such was the case when Vanderbilt girls sang ballads and Harpeth Hall's Glee Club performed Christmas carols at recent assemblies. This conduct is often cruel and indeed humiliating to the guests. The long, insincere standing ovations, designed to delay first period class, do not improve the situation.

What the student body will not understand is that the people who come to MBA take their time and patience to try to please a group of over 450 boys. Even if the students do not enjoy a particular program, they should at least show respect and appreciation for the speakers and entertainers willing to partake in MBA assemblies. It is true that some assemblies are not geared to the MBA student body, but we should at least be able to behave in a more responsible manner.

The MBA student body is even more at fault for irresponsibly criticizing the programs. Students often will not give their views in a constructive context. If they dislike the quality of the assemblies, they should assume the responsibility and leadership to express their views to Mr. Edson, Mr. Drake, or Mr. Bondurant. There is no justification for criticizing the assemblies unless action is taken to improve them.

The quality of the assemblies is determined, not by the administration or by the guests, but by the students. If some students continue their present irresponsibility, our assembly program will continue to deteriorate.

## MBA Students in J.A.

By KEVIN DRURY

This year, as in the past, several MBA students are participating in Junior Achievement. This program brings together students from different schools and neighborhoods and teaches them about business. The students learn by actually running their own company with help from adult advisors from local businesses. The members sell stock, advertise, and make and sell their product.

Kevin Drury is the treasurer of Junior Telecom. Junior Telecom, which is supported by Northern Telecom, makes personalized license plates. These plates come in a variety of colors, the letters come in different sizes and styles and may be black or white. You can say anything you want on them for only \$6. Jordan Asher is the treasurer of

The International Leaders of Tomorrow which, under the guidance of Caroon and Black, makes custom-printed T-shirts. These shirts sell for \$450 per 100. This company was the first to reach \$1000 in sales this year. Rich Good is the vice-president of sales of the GQ Clock Co. which is supported by South Central Bell and sells wooden clocks for \$15.

By running these companies, J.A. members not only learn about many parts of the business world but also make new friends and earn some money. Elected officials receive a salary and others are paid by the hour. A commission is generally received for each sale. By participating in J.A. one also gains one half of an academic credit. This fun experience yields great dividends for those who invest two hours a week.

## Spaghetti Supper Raises Record Sum for School

By MATT CASSELL

At this year's Homecoming, the MBA Spaghetti Supper once again was a great success, raising funds for MBA's only organized benefit.

The supper was a much talked about event long before its actual occurrence. For three weeks, assemblies and notices informed both students and friends of the school about the supper. Incentives were given to the best sellers per week and the best overall salesman in order that MBA might raise enough funds from a successful supper.

On Friday, November 2nd, the doors of the gym opened to the multitude of people awaiting their plates of spaghetti. Soon that afternoon, the winning raffle tickets were drawn to determine the winners of the many prizes, donated graciously by Nashville area merchants. After three weeks of coaxing the student body to work, the event was over in just a few short hours. After all raffle and spaghetti supper ticket sales had been totaled, MBA had collected over \$20,000, a huge success.

Three weeks earlier, the school had been informed of the event and the need to sell tickets. This information was given out at an assembly complete with teachers throwing footballs at the students. However, over the next three weeks, continued appearance by the chairwomen of the event, more objects being thrown at the crowd, talks by Mr. Bondurant and even a visit by an Italian Chef, Signor Chicken Catchery, who threw meatballs at the student body, urged the students to start selling their tickets.

A few days previous to the event the money began to roll forth and students became more confident of being assured a holiday the Monday after Homecoming Weekend.

As usual, MBA had the raffle to

accompany the spaghetti supper. This year's grand prize was a new 1979 white Honda Civic courtesy of Bill Trickett, the Fathers' Club, and other friends of the school. The announcement of the winner was made by Mrs. Cary Carter to the anxious crowd at halftime of the football game following the supper. Tommy Duncan, a freshman here at MBA, was the winner of the new car. Several other MBA students also won prizes in this year's raffle.

In all facets of the event, this year's Spaghetti Supper was a huge success. Student body support as well as the directing aid of the Ladies Auxiliary added together to make this benefit the best of its kind in past years.

The leader of this year's crew for the Auxiliary was headed by Mrs. George Carpenter. Along with Mrs. Douglas Altenbern, Mrs. John Griscom and several other devoted mothers spent countless hours in such tasks as distributing tickets, collecting and counting money, and urging the students to do their best. Because of the self-sacrifice of these ladies, the students became truly enthusiastic about selling tickets. In fact, the enthusiasm became so heightened that the average ticket money for every boy in the school neared \$40.

To gain the holiday on the Monday after Homecoming Weekend, several guidelines had been set down. For a single person to get an automatic holiday, he had to sell \$50 worth of tickets. A class had to sell \$35 worth with each boy selling at least \$15 worth of tickets to gain the holiday. As an incentive to selling, the first 99 students who sold \$50 worth of tickets were given "no-demerit" MBA frisbees. In addition, the top weekly salesmen in the grades seven through nine and the grades ten through twelve were rewarded with \$20 each.

In a final attempt to induce the students to sell tickets, the MBA Mothers presented \$100 to the overall top salesman in the school. This year's top salesman was Jay Brothers who sold \$599 in tickets.

Class competition was another phase of the Supper. The seventh grade was paired off against the eighth grade, the ninth grade against

the tenth, and the eleventh versus the twelfth. In the junior school, the seventh graders with a per person average of \$49.96 defeated the eighth graders with \$45.97 per student. The sophomore class easily defeated the freshman class by a per person average of \$39.68 compared to \$33.86. The matchup between seniors and juniors was a tough battle. It was originally felt that the seniors were going to try to set the record for the lowest class average, but a late surge carried them over the \$35 mark. However, they were still unable to overcome the junior class's lead. The final totals were \$43.50 per student for the juniors and \$40.53 per person in the senior class.

In competition between advise groups, two dinners were given to the advisor whose group had the highest average. Mrs. Fairbairn won in the lower school competition. In the upper school, the dinners went to Mr. Bennett.

Although plans have not yet been determined for sure, there is some idea as to how MBA will spend the money raised from this year's benefit. In the past, the money has been spent to cover such miscellaneous items as the purchasing of a school van, the aiding of the chess and forensics clubs, and the funding of several art projects. The proceeds have also been used for a Teacher Enrichment program.

By keeping the students abreast of the situation as well as engineering a fine operation, the Auxiliary was able to lead MBA to both a profitable supper and a holiday for its students. Because of the activities of the MBA Ladies Auxiliary, Mr. Bondurant, the student body, the secretaries, and innumerable friends and alumni of the school, the 1979 MBA Spaghetti Supper was a resounding success.

### Oops, Goofed!

In the October issue, The Bell Ringer incorrectly reported that Mr. Gideon received his M.A. in physical education at M.T.S.U. In fact, he earned the degree of Master of Education in secondary school administration. The editors sincerely regret this error.

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## Students Invade Big Apple

By ROB DAUGHERTY  
and ALAN BATSON

This year's New York trip was better than ever. Unfortunately, the sudden increase in air fares raised the price of the trip considerably, and only six students were fortunate enough to participate. These students were: Senior Rob Daugherty, Juniors Alan Batson and Chris Todd, and Sophomores Steve Fine, Jordan Asher, and David McMackin. Mr. Jim Poston escorted the motley crew. The group was admittedly small; however, we found that with a smaller group, everyone could get around with less of a hassle and have more freedom to do the things they wished to do.

The highlight of the trip was attending the Broadway shows. Thursday evening, we went to the new Uris Theatre for the thriller musical "Sweeney Todd" starring the popular Angela Lansbury. The stage setting of this particular show was elaborate, and the plot was enthralling. This show has already won eight Tony Awards. On Friday evening, our group went to "The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas," an entertaining musical comedy about the depressing downfall of the famous "Chicken Ranch" in Texas. The next show, which we saw Saturday afternoon, was the hilarious "Dracula," with Jean LeClerc. This play was superb satire on every Dracula cliché ever conceived by Hollywood. The last, and most outstanding, production we attended was "Sugar Babies," with the fantastic Mickey Rooney and Ann Miller. This captivating evening of risqué burlesque comedy and music may well sweep next

year's Tony Awards. The plays alone made the whole trip worthwhile.

We had different groups going to different places throughout the trip. For instance, on Friday the sophomores and Mr. Poston explored lower Manhattan and Wall Street, where the upperclassmen visited the Metropolitan Museum of Art and shopped the world-famous stores of Fifth Avenue: Gucci, Cartier, Tiffany, etc. After the Friday evening show, Mr. Poston and Rob dined at Sardi's Restaurant with Mr. Reid Shelton, who has portrayed Daddy Warbucks in "Annie" since its opening in 1976. After Mr. Shelton departed, we joined Charles Nelson Reilly and Anita Gillette (of Neil Simon's "Chapter Two") at their nearby table. Saturday, before the 2:00 matinee, the sophomores toured the United Nations, while the upperclassmen "played tourist" at the Empire State Building and shopped at Macy's and St. Patrick's Cathedral. Sunday, Chris Todd and Alan Batson took a ride on the subway, while the cautious Rob Daugherty stayed above ground and shopped for record albums. At John F. Kennedy Airport, we toured the famous T.W.A. terminal designed by Eero Saarinen and saw our first Air France Concorde jet.

The trip was thoroughly enjoyed by all the boys. We did everything from seeing a taxi explode to laughing at Hare Krishna people harassing us for money. Hopefully, prices will somehow go down by next November; yet, MBA boys and their parents should realize that the trip was well worth every penny.

## Homecoming Festivities

By MILES CARLSON

With a huge victory over Antioch and a successful spaghetti supper, Homecoming weekend proved to be what everyone had hoped—exciting and enjoyable. After the well-attended supper, droves of fans attended the homecoming game to watch MBA and Antioch battle for a win. November 2 ended with a thrilling victory as the Big Red surged ahead to defeat the Bears, 45-7.

The half-time festivities were spectacular. As usual, the homecoming queen and her court were driven around the field. This year, however, there was a twist: all of the high school grades had a representative in the court. In the first car, driven by Watt Crockett, there were three of our cheerleaders—Peaches Salyer, Lee Elam and Betsy Wallace (all from Harpeth Hall). In the second car was the ninth grade court representative, Ann Amacher. Her escort was Mark Hastings. This driver was Mike

Groos. The tenth grade representative was Lisa Scobey. Her escort was Jody Lentz. In the fourth car, Suzanne Richardson sat with her escort Dave Peterseim. The driver was Anderson Rowe. In the car following them was Karen Goss and her escort Jeff Robinson. The driver was Andy Gill. In the sixth car was Peggy Adams and the escort Joe Hymel. The driver was John Haley. In car number seven, there were Kathy Calton and her escort Blake Strayhorn. The driver was Rucker Betty. In the eighth car, there were Jeannie Bass and her escort, Chris Hannon. John Adams was the driver. Finally, the homecoming queen, Vicki Erwin, with her escort Rusty MacDonald. Richard Wright drove.

After the thrill of the game had ended, the weekend was far from over. On Saturday night, a large number of the student body turned out with dates at the Homecoming dance. The arrangements for the band "Odyssey" and the decorations had been made mainly by the Big Red Club. Thanks to the Big Red Club, the teachers serving as chaperones, and the students, the dance was a successful culmination to the weekend's activities.

## Forensics Club Excels in Competition

By GEORGE CATE

The MBA Forensics Club has continued to exhibit its winning reputation in the last five tournaments. In the past three months of competition, the members have received considerable recognition.

On October 26 and 27, two debate teams consisting of Scott Campbell and Scott Greer and Joe Calvin and George Cate participated in the Madison-Overtown High School debate tournament. After four rounds of debate, Campbell and Greer compiled a 4-0 record, while Calvin and Cate were 3-1. For their efforts, Campbell and Greer were awarded first place in the tourney, and Calvin and Cate received second.

The following week at Greenbriar High School, Craig Franklin and Wyatt Wells achieved second place

in four rounds of debate. On November 9 and 10, Franklin, Wells, Campbell, and Greer attended the MTSU invitational tournament.

After the teams had completed six debates, the team of Campbell and Greer had won five debates with only one loss. They advanced to the elimination rounds, where they eventually lost in the semi-final round.

While most MBA students were enjoying their Thanksgiving holidays, the debate team journeyed to Northwestern University in Chicago. In six rounds of stiff competition, in a field of 140 teams, the team of Campbell and Greer were 3-3. George Cate and Joe Calvin were undefeated in the preliminary rounds, and they were thus given a bid in the elimination rounds. On judges' decisions of 3-0, 2-1, and 2-1, Cate and Calvin were

victorious in the first three elimination rounds. After being beaten in the semi-final debate round, Cate and Calvin were awarded third place. On December 1, Scott Campbell and Scott Greer performed admirably in the Dupont tournament, receiving first place in four rounds of competitions. Alex Grimms also achieved success, winning first in extemporaneous speaking.

The year of debate reaches its culmination in the next two months with three crucial tournaments. On January 18, the debate team will travel to the highly selective Bishop-McDevitt tournament in Philadelphia. The first two weeks of February will hold a large tournament at Emory University in Atlanta and the National Forensics League District competition to be held at Overtown High School.

## Students Choose Vandy and Medicine

(4.1), Princeton (3.1), Notre Dame (2.4), and Georgia Tech (2.0).

There exist a few differences between the college choices of the class of 1980 and those of former classes 1975-79. The averages for the latter group are Vanderbilt (25.7), Tennessee (9.0), Virginia (6.6), Sewanee (4.9), Auburn (4.9), North Carolina (3.3), Southwestern at Memphis (3.0), Ole Miss (2.7), Southern Methodist Univ. (2.5), Tennessee Tech (2.5), and Georgia Tech (2.5). The results of this comparison between 1980 and years previous are: 1. schools such as Southwestern at Memphis, Ole Miss, Southern Methodist and Tennessee Tech seem to have lost their earlier popularity they had practically none of the votes this year; 2. North Carolina and Georgia Tech (for some unknown reason) have skyrocketed up to the point that now in the class of 1980, they are second (12.3) and fifth (4.1) respectively; and 3. the percentages for Vanderbilt, Virginia, and Auburn have remained at about the same levels for the past five years and promise to do the same in the future.

The second section of The Bell Ringer poll requested the students to give reasons for their first college choice. The overwhelming response of 61.6% of the votes for "general quality of education" gave this reason first place overall.

However, the students could not decide on the most important second reason; the vote was split among "region"—21.4%, "environment"—18.7%, "size"—12.2%, "social life"—11.1%, and "quality of specific

program"—8.0%.

The factor of high tuition does not seem to play an important role in the minds of the students. The probable cause is that most students' families are usually wealthy enough to support the cost. It is only the senior class which shows a high college costs definite regard for college costs—8.6% of the students voting "cost" as the second most important reason. Also significant is the fact that neither religion (0.6) nor the pressure of parents (1.2) much influence on the students' selection of colleges.

The third section of the poll asked the students to give their career preferences. The top ten professions were medicine (21.8), engineering (17.7), law (14.7), business (12.4), architecture (3.4), veterinary medicine (3.0), science (2.6), computer science (2.3), communications (2.3), and agriculture (1.5). Nine per cent of the students were undecided as to their probable careers. These results are not really too surprising. It is evident that many students plan to follow the traditional professions in medicine and law. But in addition, others have decided to take advantage of the rapid growth of technology and to enter into such relatively new and fast-growing fields as engineering, computer science, and communications.

Thus while there exists a great variety among students here at MBA, several general conclusions can be drawn from this poll. First, most students would prefer to enter well-known schools in the south which are known for their excellence

in education, type of environment, and average size of student population. Second, one out of every four MBA students will probably attend Vanderbilt. Third, most students plan to enter one of the four major careers—medicine, engineering, law or business. And finally, MBA students' college choices have not changed significantly in the past five years.

## Checkmate

By BOBBY KHAN

The 1979-80 MBA Chess Club, which was expected to go through a rebuilding year, placed teams second and fourth in the Music City Chess Championship on October 13, October 27, and November 10.

Nine people from MBA participated in the tournament, forming two teams, the "A" Team made up of five players, and the "B" Team, made up of four. The MBA "A" Team scored enough wins to finish second place overall out of a total of fourteen teams. Morris Lewis led the "A" Team with a total of four wins and one draw. Likewise, the "B" Team did well, placing first in its division and fourth overall. George Cheij was leader of the "B" team with a scoring record of five wins and no losses.

The Chess Club will go next to Crossville for a tournament there in December. In January the members will go the state tournament in Murfreesboro and in March to Atlanta, Ga. for the Southern Regionals. In the near future the Chess Club will be hosting their own tournament, which will be open to all students and faculty.

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## Womack Discusses Art Program

By JAY HARDCASTLE

The Bell Ringer conducted an interview with one of MBA's newest faculty members, Mr. James Womack, to find out more about him and the direction in which he plans to take the art program.

**The Bell Ringer:** Could you tell us about your background? Where did you go to school?

**Mr. Womack:** Basically, my schooling was at Davidson College



where I majored in Art History. I took a year off and then spent a year at Union Seminary in Richmond. I left for Virginia Commonwealth University where I completed my masters in Art History. Studio art has been primarily my passion, something which I have always done along with Art History, but never formally except at Davidson.

**The Bell Ringer:** What is currently being offered in the art program?

**Mr. Womack:** Right now the art program is trying to expose seventh and eighth graders to a variety of mediums. Due to the way the curriculum is set up, we can only do that during the fall and spring. I hope that the boys who are here now will be here in the spring, along with some others. Basically what we're doing is drawing, sculpture, canvas painting, and woodcutting. Next spring, we hope to continue the programs with moviemaking, cartoonmaking, and silkscreening. During the winter, I would like my current students to take a sketchbook with them, so that they can continue sketching through the entire winter. As far as the senior school goes, the students are working on individual projects of their own choice.

**The Bell Ringer:** Do you plan to offer any mini-courses, such as photography or filmmaking?

**Mr. Womack:** I'd like to, but it's difficult in terms of the curriculum *per se*. If I had a group of students in any period other than eighth who would be interested in something like that I'd be more than happy to work with them.

**The Bell Ringer:** What about the future? Do you plan to make any major changes?

**Mr. Womack:** First of all, I'd like to see art become a more fully integrated part of the curriculum. I think it's a shame to have a facility like this and a program like this that is not utilized by more students than it has been this year or in the past. I really would like to concentrate on getting as much seventh and eighth grade participation as possible, even to the point of including art in the regular schedule for at least a short amount of fun. I think it can be run rather than something that is intimidating or something that they feel they can't do, so they won't even try.

**The Bell Ringer:** How large is high school enrollment?

**Mr. Womack:** High school

enrollment has really been down. Well, I can't say "down" because I have nothing to compare it to. I have about 20 students out of the entire senior school in the program, but during high school even I would rarely use the art department. Now I wish I had used the facilities because they had a lot to offer.

**The Bell Ringer:** Do you have any closing comments to make?

**Mr. Womack:** Yes, I do. Basically, my whole approach this year to art is that it can be a very enjoyable and fulfilling part of one's education. I think art requires an expression; art requires an individual to put forth his own ideas about the way he views things. It's something that caters to the entire individual. In terms of having people to come to take art, I would much rather teach a classroom of boys who felt they couldn't draw a straight line than deal with one or two Michelangelos. In other words, I see more emphasis placed on experience with art rather than talent with art. Half a year has just about gone by now, and a lot of people think that it's too late to start taking art, but that's not the case. I'll be glad to work with anyone on any type of project.

## Endanta: The Controversy

By ALAN BATSON

In 1977 MBA placed an orange sculpture by Ned Crouch in the space between the art building and the library. The work, entitled *Endanta*, a name with no specific meaning according to the artist, was exhibited at Cheekwood for about a year before it was purchased for MBA under the direction of Louise LeQuire, former MBA art teacher and art director. The money came from donations by ten students' parents.

Louise LeQuire explains, "I wanted a big environmental sculpture for the campus, and I wanted to make a plaza out of that triangle which people trampled over all the time."

*Endanta* is not supposed to have any deep, esoteric meaning, which many people think it has. According to Mrs. LeQuire, "It is a design in space. In other words, the open spaces are the design. The construction in steel is acceptable because we live in an age when everything is made with steel."

"It's our material; it's the

twentieth-century material; it's logical for the artist of our age to use the material of our age for art as well as for practical structures. It's like taking the material out of context of the building, and then designing with it."

"I think the thing about environmental sculptures is the way they relate to the buildings and spaces around them. They make you more conscious of the size and textures of the buildings near them."

All over the country, these environmental sculptures have become the most important kind of art today. They are found in major cities such as New York, Boston, and Atlanta. Many college campuses in the country have these big environmental sculptures. Princeton alone has about thirty Caulders, Moores, and sculptures by other famous artists. Says Mrs. LeQuire, "I felt it was like bringing MBA into the twentieth century. I hoped it would only be the start, that we would get other sculptures all around the campus. People at MBA must wake up. The world is going on around them. If the boys are going to read about human beings, they should read about modern arts."

MBA's new art teacher and director, Jim Womack adds, "By making statement of disapproval, students fall prey to the intent of the piece, that is, to confront the observer. Whether it evokes positive or negative feelings, it evokes feelings. It has raised more questions about art on this campus than any other single work. How these questions are answered reflects our openness to what is happening today in art."

Ned Crouch, the sculptor of *Endanta*, was born and raised in Nashville. Both of his parents are artists. Mr. Crouch attended Austin Peay, where he majored in sculpture under Olin Bryant. From there he went to Cranbrook Academy of Art near Detroit where he received his Masters of Fine Art. Afterwards, he returned to Austin Peay and taught for a year.

Now he is a full-time artist at his Clarksville studio, where he does nothing but sculpt. He has served as an art curator for shows at Cheekwood. The year MBA bought his sculpture he was in three major shows, one of which was the Smithsonian Institution's exhibit of young sculptors. He is represented by the Southeastern Contemporary Art Center in Winston-Salem, North Carolina.

"He's going to be famous one day," says Louise LeQuire. "He has a lot of potential, and he probably will become very well known when he's older; MBA will be proud to own one of his early works."

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## New Led Zeppelin

By JIM EDWARDS

After three and a half years of waiting, Led Zeppelin has produced their first studio album since *Presence*. In *Through the Out Door* is a great improvement over the previous try. The music, however, is clearly the recent Led Zeppelin style—experimental. No two songs are alike and no song is like any classic Zep of the first five albums.

The first song, "Carouselambra," a lengthy piece, reminds the listener of "Achilles Last Stand," of *Presence*. Its fast tempo, its repetitive keyboard and guitar parts, and its mixed drum beat all combine to make this song the first successful part of the experiment. The next number, "All of My Love," is a song gaining much airplay. This is a slower tune including a Led Zeppelin rarity—strings. It is a well written, well produced, and well performed song. Too bad we can't say that about the next number, "I'm Gonna Crawl" drags one's ear drums like a turtle pulling a sled. The song is so boring the record player is anxious to finish the side.

On the flip side though is a refreshing change of pace. "In the Evening" is another song with much airplay—as are all the songs on this side. It is probably the best song on the album. The combination of Page's expert guitar work and skilled drumming by John Bonham make this tune a pleasure to crank up. As well, Robert Plant shows off his usual fantastic vocal range. "South Bound Suarez" is a regression to the late fifties style of rock'n'roll. Not a bad song, however, just more of a rhythm and blues style than what a fan normally expects of Led Zeppelin. Another good song is the next cut, "Fool in the Rain." John Paul Jones' keyboard and bass work bring out a fine rhythm to a truly entertaining song. "Hot Dog" is the last song on this side. It is in the same style as "Suarez," but it is a better tune. It is faster and easier to listen to.

The cover is equally as creative as other Led Zeppelin covers. Wrapped in a plain brown wrapper, the jacket features photos of a low-rent bar, complete with sleazy girls and a fat, greasy, tattooed bartender. All in all, Led Zeppelin's *In Through the Out Door* may not be a classic like their earlier few, but the expertise in music and production do make their newest album a success.

## Tusk Not Impressive

By RUSSELL MARIANELLI

After a two year wait, Fleetwood Mac has come out with a double album, *Tusk*; and the product, though not anti-climactic, is hardly triumphant. The music is well-played, well sung, and well produced but tends to lack some of the vital energy of *Rumours*. The drawings on the cover and inner sleeves of *Tusk* are some of the most incomprehensible yet. The front and back are covered with dots of various sizes and colors and also a picture of a small dog about to bite the leg of someone's pants. Two sides of the inner sleeves appear as pages from a journal with a potpourri of pictures and words somehow related to the production of the album. The other pictures are somewhat obscure and too surrealistic.

The first song, "Over and Over," is about a long-lasting devotion with familiar lush music which accompanies most of Christine McVie's songs. The next two songs, "Think About Me," and "Save Me a Place," ask for remembrance and the possibility of love. "Sara" laments the loss of the sea of love, "where everyone would have to drown." The first side has excellent, mellow music with surrealistic lyrics and a country influence.

Side two starts with "What Makes You Think You're the One" which is about the interdependence of people and personalities, and the impermanence of man and his

creations. It rocks harder and faster than the songs on side one. "Storms" depicts the slowly fading pain of lost love and empty nights. "That's All for Everyone" says that someone to love is all you can expect, and it is exactly what you need. "It's Not That Funny" says that losing your hope isn't funny but you can't put the blame on anyone else. "Sisters of the Moon" is a mystical song, somewhat hard to understand. Thus, side two is a little faster and more varied than side one.

Side three starts with "Angel," a mellow song about a perfect lover. "That's Enough for Me" expresses the satisfaction of having a lover in a routine style. "Never Make Me Cry" is a beautiful acceptance of a lover and his free will.

"Honey Hi," the first song of side four, asks what could be sweeter than true love. The next song, "Walk a Thin Line," says that faith and love take time and care. "Tusk" is the most popular and perhaps the best song. It is well-produced with much overdubbing and the chanting drums of the USC Trojan Marching Band in the background. The last song, "Never Forget," asks why wait if we'll never forget tonight. Overall, the album has the same sort of music as *Rumours* does—a soft, finely textured sound which provides a laid-back environment for lyrics of love, caring, devotion, and the realities of life. The album lacks some of the earlier power but makes up for it with high quality, finely-polished music.

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## Coach Bennett Optimistic

By MARK PEFFEN

On Thursday, November 8, **The Bell Ringer** interviewed MBA basketball coach and Athletic Director John Bennett. During the interview, Coach Bennett stressed the importance of player desire in relation to his optimistic attitude for the upcoming season. Coach Bennett said that the MBA sports program, as shown over the years, has been highly competitive despite its small size. He also said that last year, the MBA athletic teams won over 70 percent of their athletic contests. Coach Bennett expects his team to be very competitive and to run for the district championship by relying on quickness, discipline, and intelligence. **The Bell Ringer** asked Coach Bennett about this year's team.

**Bell Ringer**—"How will the football season and playoffs hurt the team?" Coach Bennett—"One winning sport carries over to the next sport even without much practice, especially since the players do not specialize. I hope that this team will be better than the teams of previous years."

**Bell Ringer**—"Who do you expect the team leaders to be and what qualities should they possess?" Coach Bennett—"With Ricky Bowers having been a leader last year, I expect him to be more experienced this year and to contribute greatly. Tom Moore, David Pack, Rusty McDonald, and Bobby Calton should also emerge as team leaders. The seniors of last year contributed greatly to that season, but with the experience and number of lettermen returning, the team will be greatly helped."

**Bell Ringer**—"Will the size difference between MBA and its opponents play a large role in the games?"

Coach Bennett—"Since MBA does lack height, size will play a very definite role in the games. A tall team does not necessarily have to work for shots or score, since they are usually strong underneath the boards; but a team with a lack of size has to work for plays to score in order to

overcome a height disadvantage. With the loss of centers Jimmy Griscom and Mike Anderson the team will be hurt in many areas, especially under the boards. This loss will put more importance on the playing of Mike Johnson."

**The Bell Ringer** ended the interview by asking for a prediction for the season. Coach Bennett answered, saying that he hopes the team will progress to play for the district championship, despite the late start and lack of size. Coach Bennett expects the district to be tough, but he hopes that his team will play well in the tournaments. He is counting on the learning experiences gained during the season, desire, and motivation to help the team win.



Davis kicks off after touchdown against Maplewood.

## Novak's Young Runners Perform Well

By SCOTT WALLACE

On Thursday October 4, the Microbe Cross Country team placed second in a meet of four teams. MBA was denied first place by only three points as University School won with a score of 32. MBA's score of 35 easily defeated the other two teams. Castle Heights and Page posted total scores of 112 and 166 respectively. Running well for the Little Red were Pat Rau (4th) and Davidson French (5th).

On Tuesday, October 9, the Cross Country team participated in its first dual meet. The Little Red lost the meet to the Bellevue Owls 39 to 20. Davidson French ran well for MBA.

The following day in another four-way meet MBA posted a score of 45 only to be beaten by neighboring Ensworth with 27. BGA came in third (89) and Nashville Christian

last (192). Brian Menke and Chris Guzikowski paced MBA's team.

The Little Red took on a very talented Northside squad in their second dual meet of the year on October 18th. Northside showed their superior abilities by handily defeating MBA 18-41. Chris Guzikowski's third place finish with a time of 9:31 for the mile and a half course was the best time thus far this season.

The following Saturday, the 20th, the Microbes ran in the first section of the HVAC championship here on the hill. Out of nine competing teams, MBA took the third position behind Northside and Ensworth. Chris Guzikowski, 9th in a field of over 100 runners, bettered his previous best time by one second, finishing in 9:30. Brian Menke (18th), Patrick Rau (21st), and

Davidson French (22nd) rounded out the Little Red's attack.

The finals were held at Northside the following Saturday with the Little Red finishing third in the overall ranking for the year behind Northside and Ensworth. For their efforts, the cross country team received a handsome third place trophy for the HVAC tourney.

Mr. Novak told **The Bell Ringer** that each of his runners has proven that he is strong and that he has depth. Since four out of the five runners are seventh graders, Mr. Novak believes that MBA is a definite contender for the HVAC championship next year.

## Freshman Football

By KRIS KLAUSNER AND HARTLEY HALL

The freshman football team had a disappointing season. They went 0-6, losing to Overton, Hillwood, BGA, Neely's Bend, Ryan, and Apollo. Overshadowing this bleak record were the gutsy performances of Lex Harvey at tailback, Bobby Morales at quarterback, and Mark Robinson in the trenches. These players provided the backbone and leadership of the team.

Coach Caldwell attributed the poor record to inconsistent execution, low morale, and no desire to win. Nonetheless, this year's team possesses great talent and should contribute to MBA's winning tradition in the future.

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## Jethro Tull Spectacular

By BARRY HELLER

Having been to a Jethro Tull concert twice before, I knew I was in for a spectacular show. As in past years, the concert sold out at the door with people still waiting in line.

U.K., composed of three musicians, opened the show. The fiddler, who also played the organ really warmed up the audience with a very lively solo. The first two songs didn't do much for the band as a group but a sudden transition led them into their biggest hit, "In the Dead of Night." The special effects, which included a sign of the letters U.K. made up for the group's ineptness. At one point, the sign blinked green in beat with the music. Ending with title song of their new album, U.K. showed hopeful glimpses of what to expect from them in the future. Intermission followed U.K., which gave the audience time to mingle, talk with friends, and get in the proper mood for the main show.

As the lights dimmed, the crowd roared with delight. Suddenly, Ian Anderson, the lead vocalist and head of the group appeared on a stage

rigged as the deck of a ship. The first four songs, "Onion," "On the Move," and two others came directly off the new album *Stormwatch*. One couldn't help but think this was a promotional act. However, Ian began to show reminiscences of the past. Two such memories included Ian twirling his flute and the band gathered together in a circle with each playing acoustics or singing.

The addition of a new bass player shows Tull's acceptance of the present, yet one song rewritten by the new member was first composed by King Henry the Eighth. Another contrast between the present and past was the fact that Ian Anderson wore glasses, yet he had also grown back his beard. Of course, the band's greatest song, "Aqualung," was played with all the fervor the band could muster. After the final goodnight, two more encores were demanded by the enthusiastic crowd. Ending the night with "Thick as a Brick," "Minstrel in the Gallery," and "Locomotive Breath," Jethro Tull once again had enthralled the old as well as the new rockers of Nashville.

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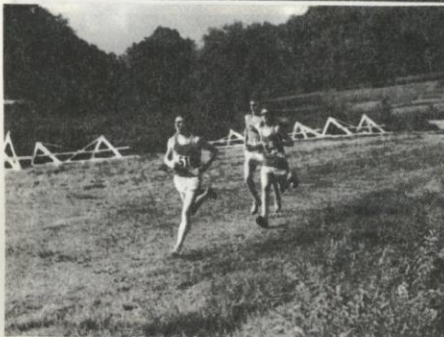
## Neil Young's Live Rust

By BILL GALLOWAY

Recently, Neil Young produced a new album which is basically a soundtrack of his movie *Rust Never Sleeps*. The album, called *Live Rust*, contains many of his old hits along with certain cuts off of his album *Rust Never Sleeps*.

The album begins with "Sugar Mountain." Neil here plays a twelve-string guitar and harmonica. He follows with a classic from the sixties, "I Am a Child." Young indicates the similarity in his style over the years when he plays "Comes a Time," another acoustic song. He switches to the piano to play "After the Gold Rush." He continues with more acoustic work highlighted by "My My, Hey Hey (Out of the Blue)" off of *Rust Never Sleeps*. His more electric, more distorted style comes through later in the album set. The first glimpse of this heavy metal style occurs with "The Loner," a song off of his first album with Crazy Horse. He later plays another cut off this album, "Cinnamon Girl." He plays several more songs from *Rust Never Sleeps* and a well-done version of "Cortez the Killer." The album ends with his biggest hit lately, "Hey Hey, My My (Into the Black)."





Hancock and Moore in N.I.L.

## Junior Varsity . . .

ended hopes for a comeback, as Bellevue went on to win 16-14.

### MBA vs. HILLSBORO

The Junior Varsity squad, after moving the ball well until the second half, collapsed in all phases of the game in falling to Hillsboro 22 to 6 on November 5.

Both offenses marched methodically up and down the field in the first half, MBA behind the tough running of Hale Hooper and Billy Rolf, and Hillsboro on the strength of numerous long passes. The Burros finally scored first on a 25-yard toss.

Several drives by both teams were thwarted by fumbles, and Ken Downey intercepted the first of his two passes at the goal line to halt a Hillsboro threat. The Big Red then rebounded to tally on a magnificent 30 yard pass from Tom DiVittorio to Ken Nichols. The extra point attempt was blocked, making the score MBA 6, Hillsboro 6.

In the third quarter MBA appeared to have gained the momentum in the game with a fine drive; however, a fumble at the Hillsboro 5 yard line proved to be the killing blow to the team's spirit. Hillsboro proceeded to drive down the field and score on a 55-yard bomb, followed later by another long touchdown pass to the same receiver. Two-point conversions after these two scores made the final score Hillsboro 22, MBA 6, as the inept offense was unable to move the ball and overcome the Burros' momentum in the second half.

### MBA vs. ANTIOCH

The J.V.'s last game of the season on November 8 was possibly their best. The offense was able to produce some points while not giving up the ball deep in its own territory, but the defense suffered some breakdowns because of the opposition's shifting offense in a heartbreaking 9-8 loss to Antioch.

In a defensive struggle, with both offenses hampered by the chilly weather, the Big Red tallied first on a 9-yard touchdown pass from Tom DiVittorio to Kenny Nichols. Mark Hastings' pass to Ken Downey accounted for the two-point conversion, and MBA led 8-0 at the half.

The defenses battled through the third quarter, but then early in the 4th quarter Antioch scored on a short run to cut the MBA margin to two points after an unsuccessful conversion attempt.

The state game went on until late in the fourth quarter, when the Bears found a hole in the MBA defense and

drove methodically down the field. Forced with first-and-goal at the one for Antioch, the Big Red defense valiantly repulsed the Blue Bears for 3 downs. On fourth down at the one, however, with but 1:56 left to play, Antioch's kicker drilled a 19 yard field goal to send the J.V. down to its 5th consecutive defeat and the sophomore class to its 11th straight loss, dating back to 8th grade.

Though the team as a whole had a disappointing season, many individual players showed great improvement through the season and will undoubtedly offer much to uphold the MBA tradition in football.

## Wrestling Preview

By DAVID MOLESWORTH  
and CHRIS WHITSON

This year's Varsity Wrestling team is looking forward to a competitive season. Under the leadership of seniors Tim Warnock, Josh May, Andy Nelson, Watt Crockett, Owen Lipscomb, and Russell Regen, the team should have the experience needed for a successful year. Mark Peffen, Don Brothers, and John Wagster also should contribute to the team greatly. On November 9, Bell Ringer asked Coach Williams about the the up-coming season:

**Bell Ringer:** What do you think of the team's chances this year?  
Williams: Well, I think we're going to be much improved over last year. We have a more experienced team and several younger wrestlers with potential.

**Bell Ringer:** Is the schedule tough?

Williams: Yes, for sure. We don't believe in running from anyone. We'll wrestle every AAA team in the city and compete in all the major tournaments, including the Chattanooga City Invitational.

**Bell Ringer:** Do you believe the program has improved since you've been here?

Williams: The overall program is sound. We still hope for more participation in the Junior School, but the Freshman team could possibly be the best in school history. Overall, I feel that participation on all levels has grown to a great extent.

**Bell Ringer:** Do you think there is enough support from the school?

Williams: First of all, Mr. Bondurant has been very supportive of the program. He realizes that MBA can excel in wrestling and has offered a great deal of aid towards this aim. Secondly, I feel that the wrestlers must earn the support of the student body. If we win enough matches, then the students will begin to show more interest.

# Cross Country Team Wins Region

By JOHN McALLISTER

After ending the first half of the season with an impressive dual meet record, Coach Drake's MBA Varsity Cross Country Team wrapped up the season by winning all their dual meets, by winning the NIL and Region V Championships, and by placing high in the all-important state meet.

### A.F. Bridges

In the A.F. Bridges Cross Country meet on September 29 MBA placed fourth with 201 points behind Northwest, Oak Ridge, and Farragut. MBA missed second place by a mere four points. Allen Moore finished first for the team and 29th overall with his time of 16:11. Rich Good, 32nd, Anderson Spickard, 36th, Art Hancock, 49th, and Steve Stevens, 57th, rounded out the top five. Others competing for the Big Red were Joe Hymel and Scott Campbell.

### MBA vs. Hillsboro and Franklin

The Monday following the A.F. Bridges meet, the Big Red ran in a tri-meet against Hillsboro and Franklin. MBA won the meet with a score of 23 points. Hillsboro finished second with 32 points, while Franklin claimed last because of a forfeit. Art Hancock led MBA with his time of 16:29, which was good for

second place overall. Anderson Spickard and Steve Stevens finished third and fourth, respectively. Joe Hymel finished sixth and Rich Good placed eighth. Steve Hall and Steve Anderson rounded out MBA's top seven competitors.

### MBA vs. Antioch

One week after their win over Hillsboro and Franklin, MBA trounced the Antioch cross country team by the score of 15 to 49, taking seven of the first eight places. Hymel took first place with his time of 16:55. He was followed closely by Allen Moore. Hancock, Spickard, Stevens, and Walt Zibas, finishing within four seconds of each other, placed third, fourth, fifth, and sixth, respectively. Steve Hall finished eighth.

### Oak Ridge Invitational

Two days before the NIL Championships, MBA ran in the Oak Ridge Invitational on October 13. Running the "B" team in an "A" team meet, the Big Red finished a disappointing eleventh. Steve Hall finished first for MBA with his time of 18:11. He was followed by Steve Anderson, freshman Robert McConnell, Mabo Kono, Ridley Wills, Bill Hawkins, and Michael Crist.

### NIL Championships

In the NIL Championships, MBA

claimed first place with a score of 73 points. Overton finished second with 107 points, and Lipscomb placed third with 136 points. Allen Moore placed first for MBA and seventh overall with his time of 15:59. Joe Hymel finished twelfth while Art Hancock, Rich Good, and Anderson Spickard placed 17th, 18th, and 19th, respectively. Walt Zibas and Steve Hall also placed for the Big Red.

### MBA vs. Brentwood

The Friday after winning the NIL, MBA ran against Brentwood and easily defeated them by taking the top seven places. Anderson Spickard won the dual meet with a time of 17:00. The top seven were rounded out by Moore, Hancock, Stevens, Hymel, Zibas, and Good.

### Region V Championships

Going into the Region V meet on October 27, MBA was the team to beat. The Big Red showed their superiority by running away with the Regional Championship for the first time ever. Leading MBA was Allen Moore, who finished seventh with his time of 16:03. Rich Good placed 11th, Steve Stevens placed 13th, Art Hancock placed 14th, and Joe Hymel placed 17th. MBA's point total of 58 points easily outdistanced second place Overton, 115 points, and third place Lipscomb, 117 points.

### State Meet

In the State Meet on November 3, MBA finished in seventh place with 185 points. Allen Moore finished first for the Big Red and 39th overall with his time of 16:06. The next finisher for MBA was Joe Hymel with a time of 16:15. He was closely followed by Rich Good, Steve Stevens, and Art Hancock. Anderson Spickard and Walt Zibas rounded out the squad of runners who participated in the State Championships.

Since MBA is losing only two runners who ran in the State Meet, they should be extremely competitive again next year. Those runners, along with help from runners on this year's "B" team, should carry on the MBA Cross Country team's strong tradition.



Campbell runs in A.F. Bridges.

## State Playoffs

Late in the fourth quarter, John Hollins pounced on an Al Young fumble at midfield to stop still another threat, and finally, Damon Ananous intercepted a desperation pass thrown by Donnie Quillen and came within one block of returning it for a touchdown, as the game drew to a close.

For the Big Red, it was the first victory ever against the perennial powerhouse that has produced, among others, Alabama's all-American defensive end E.J. Junior and Vandy's Preston Brown and Ronald Hale. The team also became one of the few MBA teams ever to win 11 games in a season.

The Cinderella story of the 1979 football team came to an end at Vanderbilt's Dudley Field as Gallatin defeated MBA 24 to 7 before 20,000 fans in the Clinic Bowl. Injuries to several key players finally caught up with the Big Red as the massive, well-coached Green Wave Juggernaut won its twenty-

sixth consecutive game.

Gallatin received the opening kickoff and slowly but methodically drove down the field, controlling the ball throughout the first quarter in a 20-play drive. Penalties, a Jim Tully pass deflection, and a 31-yard loss on a fumble kept the Wave out of the end zone, however.

MBA then took possession and drove to the opposition 24-yardline, where Joe Davis attempted a 41-yard field goal. Joe slipped on the wet artificial turf, however, and the kick fell short.

The tough defense held Gallatin until late in the first half, when Midstate M.V.P. Floyd Jones galloped 48 yards on a magnificent broken-field run to set up a 20-yard field goal by David Maples which was almost blocked by Bob Calton.

A questionable fumble on the second half kickoff gave the ball to the Green Wave with good field position early in the third quarter. Gallatin quickly scored on a 6-yard run by fullback Troy Dunham. Garrett Fulton blasted through the line to block the extra point, and the score stood 9-0. Later in the third quarter, the tailback Jones ran three yards for another score, and a

subsequent two-point conversion upped the Gallatin lead to 17-0.

On the following kickoff, Chris Whitson returned the ball 48 yards to give the Big Red good field position at the Gallatin 46. Moore then drove the team downfield, completing crucial passes to Calton and Doug Derryberry, a four-yard run by Calton put the ball at the one-yard line. From there Russell Regen charged up the middle, but fumbled before reaching the goal line. David Pack, however, alertly fell on the ball in the end zone for the team's only score of the night.

Gallatin's Jones added another score late in the fourth quarter to make the final score Gallatin 24, MBA 7. For many of the team's seniors, the game marked the end of three years wearing the cardinal and silver; and for fullback Russ Regen, who played varsity as a freshman, it was the close of four years as a varsity squad member. The 11-1 season was the culmination of a rebuilding effort begun with Coach Owen's return to the Hill in 1977. The program should continue to exhibit the excellence associated with MBA football in future years.





## Varsity Football District Champs

By TOM WOOD  
and CHIP SMITH

The Varsity Football team this year captured the Division 11-AAA championship and finished the season with an 11-1 record against teams that were almost always bigger and more talented. Before the season began, as the team ran through two-a-day practices under the sizzling August sun, virtually nobody expected MBA to finish the season in the Clinic Bowl as one of the top teams in the state.

The key to the squad's success this year was a balanced offense which did not rest the burden on one or two players. While quarterback Tom Moore made the offense run, the team still won when he had an off night, such as the Hillsboro game. Bakes Russ Regen, Bob Calton, Mark Peffen, Chris Whitson, and Moore combined for most of the 2081 yards rushing this year, while Moore's chief passing target was tight-end David Pack, who was often open because teams had to concentrate on speedy Ricky Bowers.

The tenacious defense, which allowed only 65 points all year, was led by Jack Coombs, Garrett Fulton, Mark Daniel, Ricky Bowers, and cornerback Mike Anderson, who went down with a season-ending knee injury against Maplewood. Although the opposition teams scored 65 points, only 33 of them were legitimately earned by the opposing offenses; the remainder were the result of turnovers and defensive touchdowns.

Along with the team honors came individual laurels to many of the standouts. Quarterback-defensiveback Tom Moore was named to the second team all-state by the Associated Press and was named the NIL Most Valuable Player by the Nashville Banner. He was also recently chosen to the first team all-state by the Newspaper Writers' Association, while Ricky Bowers was given honorable mention. Moore, Bowers, and Bobby Calton won the Banner's player of the week honors during the season; and Kelly Shackelford, Russ Regen, Garrett Fulton, Mark Daniel, Damon Anagnos, and several others were honored by that publication's weekly checklist. Senior Linebacker was selected by the National Football Foundation and Hall of Fame as the midstate's outstanding scholar-athlete.

### MBA vs. OVERTON

On October 12 the Big Red, ranked fourth in the state, travelled to Overton for one of the most important games of the year against the upset minded Bobcats. The team,

while not playing its best game of the season, capitalized on numerous Overton errors to post a 16-0 victory.

With a 25 mile an hour wind at their backs, the Big Red offense quickly drove 41 yards to a score on a 1-yard plunge by Russ Regen. The drive started on the Overton 41 after a 4 yard punt by their highly touted quarterback punter Gary Kimbell.

In the third quarter, MBA tallied again as tailback Bob Calton galloped 8 yards to score. Joe Davis, who failed on the PAT attempt, later added a 26 yard field goal to make the score 16-0.

The Bobcats moved the ball well against the Big Red defense, but MBA was able to shut down quarterback Kimball in several vital situations and posted its second consecutive shutout. After 6 games, not counting scores directly attributable to offensive mistakes, the defense has allowed only 7 points, the touchdown scored by McCallie.

For his play, hard nosed split end safety Ricky Bowers was named defensive player of the week by the Nashville Banner. The win, however, proved to be a costly one as 210 pound linebacker Jimmy Griscorn was lost for the season with a knee injury and linebacker Damon Anagnos sustained a deep thigh bruise which sidelined him for a week.

### MBA vs. HILLWOOD

On October 19, the Big Red journeyed to Hillwood to play the rival Hilltoppers. For perhaps the only time this year, MBA had its opponent outmanned as the team rolled to a 38-7 victory.

In the first half, Mark Peffen opened the scoring with a short run. Tom Moore ran for one touchdown and passed to David Pack for

another to give the team a 21-0 halftime lead.

Reserve quarterback Scott Tune drove the team to a 31-yard field goal by Joe Davis in the third quarter, and later scored himself on a one-yard run. Tailback Mike Anderson added a three-yard touchdown run late in the game to cap MBA's scoring.

Hillwood's punter scrambled 43 yards with 25 seconds left in the game after fumbling a punt snap to avert a shutout for the Toppers. The contest proved costly for the Big Red, however, as noseguard Johnny Wagster suffered a separated shoulder.

### MBA vs. HENDERSONVILLE

On October 26, the Big Red stretched its record to 8-0 with an impressive 31-7 victory over Hendersonville. After a slow start, the Big Red was able to compile 222 yards rushing and 140 passing.

Despite losing three of six fumbles the Big Red still managed to roll to its eighth victory. Tom Moore paced the Big Red with 110 yards on eight tries and scored two touchdowns, on runs of 53 and 12 yards. The Big Red got other scores from a Chris Whitson eight yard run, Davis 34 yard field goal, and a 10 yard run by Bob Calton.

The Big Red also received a good performance from the Big Red defense and the offensive line. The Big Red was outplayed but not outplayed and recorded the eighth victory in eight games.

### MBA vs. ANTIOCH

To the delight of a capacity homecoming crowd of Alumni, the Big Red mounted its most awesome offensive show of the season in destroying the Antioch Bears 45 to 7

on November 2. The solid victory clinched a playoff berth for MBA, ranked third in the state by The Tennessean's "Action Ratings" system.

Fleet Bobby Calton got things started with a 25 yard burst off tackle for a touchdown. Shortly thereafter, Tom Moore slashed 9 yards for a score. Joe Davis hit both extra points and later drilled four more conversions and a 35-yard field goal.

Antioch provided a brief scare

with Van Thompson's 5-yard run, which narrowed the score to 14-7. The Big Red, however, rolled back to score 31 more points on Calton's second touchdown run, on two 27-yard touchdown passes by Tom Moore to Ricky Bowers and David Pack, on Mike Anderson's 4-yard jaunt, and on automatic Joe's 3-pointer.

The second string was eager to hit

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Moore runs a sweep against Hendersonville.

## Junior Varsity Season Disappointing

By TOM WOOD

On October 18 the J.V. Football team played its second game of the season. After taking an early lead, MBA was again denied its first victory as Overton rallied to defeat the Big Red 14 to 6.

Early in the game MBA capitalized on an Overton fumble to score on a 6 yard rollout by Mark Hastings off of a fake field goal attempt. Scott Haynes' extra point attempt was blocked, and the Big Red led 6-0.

Overton, however, rebounded to drive the ball down the field against an unusually sluggish defense and scored on a two-yard run by flashy running back David Scruggs. The extra point made the score 7-6.

The rest of the game was a defensive struggle, which Overton finally broke open with a long pass that put the ball on the Red 15 yard line. Overton scored immediately on a run around end to seal the game.

For their efforts, Ken Downey and Ernest Franklin were awarded Varsity Jerseys for the Hillwood game.

### MBA vs. BELLEVUE

After a rocky start, the J.V. played well on October 25 against a good

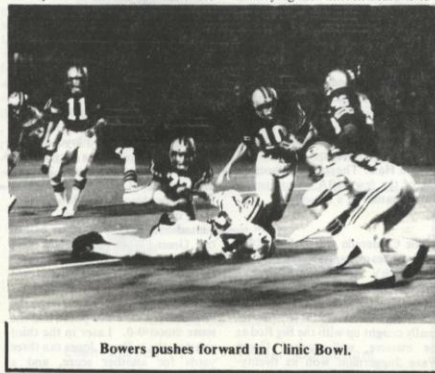
Bellevue team and appeared to be on the way to its first victory of the year, but an old nemesis, fumbles, proved to be the team's downfall in a tense 16-14 loss to the Owls.

Bellevue took a 10-0 lead on a safety touchdown run and two-point conversion. The tide then began to turn in favor of the Big Red as the team garnered a safety on a punting error by Bellevue. Taking the free kick after the safety, the Big Red mounted a fine drive, culminated by quarterback Mark Hastings' 6 yard run. A pass attempt for the 2-point conversion failed, making the halftime score Bellevue 10, MBA 8.

MBA, after a sluggish start in the 3rd quarter, took the lead on a 25-yard pass from Tom DiVittorio to Ken Downey, who hauled it down amidst three owl defenders. This capped a drive started by Mike Crooks' fumble recovered at the 43 yard line of Bellevue. Again the two-point play failed, and MBA led 14-10.

Late in the game, however, a fumble gave the Owls the ball at the Red 3-yard line, from which they promptly scored. Yet another fumble on the following kickoff

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Bowers pushes forward in Clinic Bowl.